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REGULAR MAIL & FAX

TO ALL LOS ANGELES TAXICAB OPERATORS & ATS STAFF

FOR PUBLIC POSTING

Subject: **INFORMATION REGARDING POTENTIAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR TAXICAB DRIVERS – HEALTHY WAY LA**

Please post this letter and the attached Healthy Way three page brochure and two page enrollment event info where all taxicab drivers may review for a three-month period. For taxicab operators, please also inform your drivers via mobile dispatch messages that info can be found at the office bulletin boards regarding potential health insurance programs.

LADOT has been contacted by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) regarding potential health care coverage for taxicab drivers that may be available now (for low income participants). DHS has stated that additional programs may also become available in 2014 for drivers as part of the Affordable Care Act (or Obamacare as many people refer to it).

As described in this letter and the attached brochures, the County is now sponsoring a health care program called Healthy Way LA. This is a no-cost program providing health care coverage to low-income, uninsured citizens and legal residents. More info can be found at the LA County Health Services website at <http://www.ladhs.org/wps/portal/HWLA/>. The contact phone number is 1-877-333-4952.

As included in the Healthy Way LA brochure (attached), drivers may be eligible for the Healthy Way medical program enrollment at this time if they 1) are a Los Angeles County resident; 2) are between 19 to 64 years of age; 3) are not pregnant; 4) have been a legal permanent resident for at least 5 years or are a U. S. Citizen; 5) meet minimum monthly income requirements (i.e. \$1,274 or less for a family of one); and 6) have no other means of health care coverage.

If a driver meets the eligibility requirements, the program provides for medical coverage including an assigned "medical home" for the medical clinic, primary care appointments, access to in-house pharmacies, preventive care and mental health services, access to specialists, urgent & emergency care, and 24/7 nursing advice as some of the items.

Healthy Way Enrollment Event

There is no cost involved to apply for and enroll in the Healthy Way LA Program. As noted in the attached documents, the county is holding enrollment events every Saturday from 7 am to 3:30 pm at the LAC+USC Medical Center located at 1100 North State Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033 – in Trailer No. 17. Park in the patient lot 5 at State Steet and head to Trailer 17. More info regarding this enrollment opportunity can be obtained by calling (323) 226-6841.

If you cannot make it to one of these enrollment events, or simply need further information, please contact the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services at 1-877-333-4952, or visit their website at <http://www.ladhs.org/wps/portal/HWLA/>.

LADOT will provide further information regarding additional opportunities for health care services to taxicab drivers in the future as it is received. Again, please post this letter and the attachments for at least the next three months on your company/airport bulletin boards. Please also notify drivers via the taxicab computer systems on several occasions so that they are made aware of this potential health care program.

Please contact me or Jeannine Brands of my staff at (213) 972-8403 if you have any questions or require further information. The facsimile number is (866) 316-8169. Thanks you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

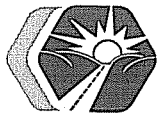


THOMAS M. DRISCHLER, Taxicab Administrator and Bureau Chief
Franchise and Taxicab Regulation Division

C: Jeannine Brands (LADOT)

Attachments

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Healthy Way LA
LOS ANGELES COUNTY



What is Healthy Way LA (HWLA)?

Healthy Way LA is a no cost health care program, open to Los Angeles County residents. It is the County's "Bridge to Health Reform"—if you qualify for HWLA, you will be eligible for Medicaid on January 1, 2014! Signing up for HWLA gets you full health coverage—doctor's visits, prescription drugs, hospital services, and access to specialists.

Who Can Get Healthy Way LA?

Adults who:

- Are between 19 to 64 years of age
- Live in Los Angeles County
- Are a United States Citizen/National or Legal Permanent Resident for at least five years or Qualified Immigrant
- Have monthly income at or below 133% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), or approximately \$1,239 per month for a family of one
- Not pregnant and not eligible for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families Programs

How Do I Sign Up?

To enroll in HWLA, visit a Department of Health Services facility or Community Partner clinic near you! A list of participating health clinics can be found in the HWLA Provider Directory.

The Provider Directory is on the HWLA website at dhs.lacounty.gov/HWLA/ under the link on the left side called "For HWLA Members."

You can also find a clinic by calling 1-877-333-HWLA (1-877-333-4952), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The hearing impaired may contact us through our TDD/TTY number at 1-866-923-4952.

Most people on General Relief qualify automatically—ask your eligibility worker or go to a clinic to sign up!

Please call the clinic ahead of time. Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. We are working to be able to enroll everyone who is qualified and needs care. However, before you go please call the clinic to make sure they are accepting new patients before you arrive. If they cannot, call 1-877-333-HWLA (1-877-333-4952).

What Should I Bring With Me When I Sign Up?

While you apply for HWLA, you will be asked to show proof of Los Angeles County residency, personal identification (such as a Driver's License, School Identification, or U.S. Military ID Card), and something that shows your income (such as a paystub).

You will also be asked to bring information that shows your citizenship, Legal Permanent Residency, or Alien status (such as a U.S. Passport, U.S. Birth Certificate, Military Record, Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship, or Alien Status document). Don't wait to sign up—you can bring the documents later.

I DON'T HAVE health coverage. How can I get healthcare NOW?

- ◆ **Healthy Way LA (HWLA)**—This is a free program you can apply for right now. Learn more at www.ladhs.org/hwla or call 1-877-333-4952.
- ◆ **Medi-Cal**—Right now, this is a program for low-income children and parents, pregnant women, seniors and disabled people. If you fit in one of these categories you may be able to apply for Medi-Cal now. Call 1-877-597-4777 or visit dpss.lacounty.gov/dpss/health
- ◆ **L.A. Care's Healthy Kids Program**—This is low-cost health insurance for children up to age 5 who do not qualify for other programs because of citizenship, residency or their family income is too high. Visit www.lacare.org/potentialmembers/healthprograms/healthy-kids or call: 1-888-452-2273.
- ◆ **Family PACT** provides free family planning and birth control to low income women and men. Visit www.familypact.org or call 1-800-942-1054.

****IT IS FREE TO APPLY TO THESE PROGRAMS!****

What if I am not eligible for any of these programs?

- ◆ **County and Community Health Clinics** are here to help NOW and in 2014. Los Angeles County residents who can't be on other programs because of citizenship, residency, age or other reasons can find a clinic near them at: www.ladhs.org/wps/portal/clinicsearch.

I ALREADY HAVE health coverage. How will Health Reform impact me?

- ◆ **I have Medi-Cal!** You can keep your Medi-Cal health insurance. Find out more at: dpss.lacounty.gov/dpss/health or call 1-877-597-4777.
- ◆ **I have Medicare!** You can keep your Medicare. The health reform law may lower the cost of your medicine. You won't have to pay for preventive care like cancer screenings, vaccines, flu shots, and wellness visits. Find out more at: www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-633-4227.
- ◆ **I have insurance through my job!** You can keep your health insurance. The health law doesn't make employers change your insurance. Find out more by contacting your health plan or employer.
- ◆ **I buy my own health insurance!** You can still buy insurance on your own. Starting in October you can shop for lower cost health insurance through *Covered California* (coverage starts January 1, 2014). Visit www.coveredca.com or call 1-888-975-1142.

What if I have Healthy Way LA (HWLA)?

- ◆ On January 1, 2014 Healthy Way LA will become Medi-Cal. You'll get mail explaining the change soon. Learn more at www.ladhs.org/hwla or call 1-877-333-4952.

Health Care Reform *and YOU...*



STILL NEED HELP?

Call Neighborhood Legal Services Health
Consumer Center: 1-800-896-3202





I don't have insurance. What are the new options for me in 2014?

What is Health Care Reform?

- It's a federal law that began in 2010. It changes how some people get health care in the United States
- It's also called the *Affordable Care Act* or *Obamacare*

What has already changed?

- Health insurance has to include check-ups and most preventive care for FREE
- Young adults can stay on their parents' health insurance until they're 26 years old
- Insurance companies can't cancel your health insurance if you get sick
- Insurance companies can't deny kids care because they're sick now or have been sick in the past
- Insurance companies must spend 80% of your money on health care or give you money back

What changes happen January 1, 2014?

- NEW ways for people to get FREE or LOW COST health insurance
- Most people must have health insurance or they will pay a fine
- Insurance companies can't deny anyone care because they're sick now or have been sick in the past
- Insurance companies can't charge you more money or limit how much they'll pay because you are sick
- Former foster youth who had Medi-Cal at age 18 will be eligible for Medi-Cal up to age 26

MEDI-CAL: California's Medicaid program—for people with low incomes. Currently Medi-Cal is medical insurance for low-income children, parents, pregnant women, seniors, and people with disabilities.

What is changing?

- January 1, 2014:** More people will be able to get Medi-Cal. The income limit will be higher, and adults without children will be able to apply! (See chart below.)
- Is this for me?** Find out! Call Healthy Way LA (HWLA) to see if you can apply now. Visit www.ladhs.org/hwla or call 1-877-333-4952.









COVERED CALIFORNIA: An online marketplace where people can shop for health insurance and find out if they qualify for financial help to make insurance more affordable. Shop online or by phone.

When does it start?

- October 2013:** Open enrollment will be from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014. Enroll by December 15th to have health insurance starting January 1, 2014!

Is this for me?

- Find out at: www.coveredca.com or call 1-888-975-1142.

If you are*...		In 2014, you may qualify for...
	An individual making less than \$15,856	Medi-Cal, a free government program.
	An individual making \$15,856 to \$28,725	Help paying out-of-pocket costs like deductibles and co-pays and a tax credit (subsidy) that will lower the amount of your monthly premium.**
	An individual making \$28,725 to \$45,960	A tax credit that will lower the amount of your monthly premium.**
	An individual making over \$45,960	You do not qualify for government assistance, but you can still shop for insurance through Covered California.
	A family of four making less than \$32,499	Medi-Cal, a free government program.
	A family of four making \$32,499 to \$58,875	Help paying out-of-pocket costs like deductibles and co-pays and a tax credit (subsidy) that will lower the amount of your monthly premium.**
	A family of four making \$58,875 to \$94,200	A tax credit that will lower the amount of your monthly premium.**
	A family of four making over \$94,200	You do not qualify for government assistance, but you can still shop for insurance through Covered California.

* Income levels are based on the year 2013

** You must enroll through Covered California to be eligible for your tax credit

Not sure what you qualify for? Call Neighborhood Legal Services Health Consumer Center: 1-800-896-3202

IT IS FREE TO APPLY—DON'T PAY ANYONE TO HELP YOU!

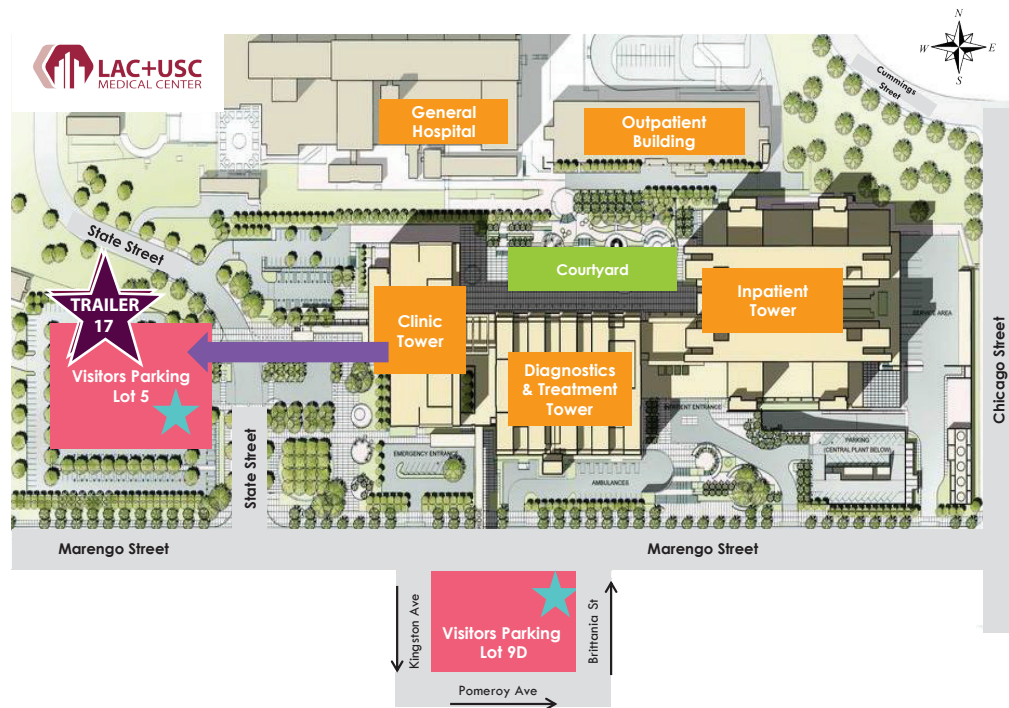
HWLA ENROLLMENT EVENT
EL EVENTO DE INSCRIPCIÓN DE HWLA

EVERY SATURDAY FROM 7 AM TO 3:30 PM
CADA SÁBADO DESDE LAS 7:00 DE LA MAÑANA HASTA LAS 3:30 DE LA TARDE

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER
1100 NORTH STATE STREET | LOS ANGELES, CA 90033

TRAILER 17 - PARK IN PATIENT LOT 5 AT STATE STREET
ESTACIONE EN EL ESTACIONAMIENTO DE PACIENTES NÚMERO 5 EN LA CALLE STATE

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE EVENT, PLEASE CALL (323) 226-6841



For general questions about
Healthy Way LA

(877) 333-HWLA (4952)
<http://dhs.lacounty.gov/HWLA>

Need Healthcare?
Sign up for *Healthy Way LA*





HEALTHY WAY LA: THE NO-COST HEALTH PLAN FOR QUALIFIED RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO QUALIFY, HEALTHY WAY LA (HWLA) OFFERS HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AT NO COST. TO FIND OUT IF YOU QUALIFY, JOIN US AT OUR NEXT HWLA ENROLLMENT EVENT.

EVERY SATURDAY FROM 7 AM TO 3:30 PM

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER
1100 NORTH STATE STREET | LOS ANGELES, CA 90033
TRAILER 17 - PARK IN PATIENT LOT 5 AT STATE STREET

> *Who qualifies for Healthy Way LA?*

ADULTS WHO ARE: Between 19 to 64 years of age | Live in Los Angeles County | Are a United States Citizen/National or Legal Permanent Resident for at least five years or Qualified Immigrant | Have monthly income at or below 133% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), or approximately \$1,274 per month for a family of one | Not pregnant and not eligible for Medi-Cal Programs

FOR PROOF OF YOUR CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENCY, PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: U.S. Birth Certificate | U.S. Passport | U.S. Certificate of Naturalization/Citizenship | Legal Permanent Resident verification (Green Card)

FOR PROOF OF YOUR OR YOUR FAMILY'S INCOME, PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: Most recent paystub (from less than 45 days ago) | Job statement from your employer that includes how much you are paid, how often and how many hours you work | Last year's Federal Income Tax return (and "Schedule C" if self-employed) | Award letter or copy of check from income source, such as: • Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB) • Disability Insurance Benefits (DIB) • Veterans Benefits • Other Unearned Income (Specify) • Letter from person providing you with free housing, utilities and/or food

FOR PROOF OF YOUR LA COUNTY ADDRESS, PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: Valid California Driver's license | California ID card from the Department of Motor Vehicles | Recent letter addressed to you with cancelled U.S. Post Office stamp | Most recent utility bill | Most recent rent receipt or letter from person providing you with housing

HEALTHY WAY LA LE PUEDE AYUDAR CON SUS GASTOS MÉDICOS.

INSCRÍBASE EN EL PLAN SIN COSTO PARA SERVICIOS
MÉDICOS DE HEALTHY WAY LA

PARA LOS INDIVIDUOS QUE REÚNEN LOS REQUISITOS, HEALTHY WAY LA (HWLA) OFRECE UNA COBERTURA DE SERVICIOS MÉDICOS SIN COSTO ALGUNO. PARA AVERIGUAR SI REÚNE LOS REQUISITOS, REÚNASE CON NOSOTROS EN EL SIGUIENTE EVENTO DE INSCRIPCIÓN DE HWLA.

> *¿Quién puede obtener Healthy Way LA?*

LOS ADULTOS QUE: Tienen entre 19 y 64 años | Viven en el Condado de Los Angeles | Son Ciudadanos/Nativos de Estados Unidos o Residentes Permanentes Legales durante por los menos cinco años o un Inmigrante Calificado | Tienen ingresos mensuales de o menos del 133% del Nivel Federal de Pobreza (FPL, siglas en inglés) o aproximadamente \$1,274 por mes para una familia constituida de una persona | No están embarazadas y no reúnen los requisitos para los Programas de Medi-Cal

PARA COMPROBAR LA CIUDADANÍA O RESIDENCIA PERMANENTE LEGAL, POR FAVOR PROVEA UNA COPIA DE UNO DE LOS SIGUIENTES ARTÍCULOS: Un acta de nacimiento de EE.UU. | Un pasaporte de EE.UU. | Un certificado de la Naturalización/Ciudadanía de EE.UU. | Una verificación de la Residencia Permanente Legal (Tarjeta verde)

PARA COMPROBAR LOS INGRESOS DE USTED O DE SU FAMILIA, POR FAVOR PROVEA UNA COPIA DE UNO DE LOS SIGUIENTES ARTÍCULOS: El talón de cheque más reciente (de hace 45 días o menos) | Una declaración de su empleador que incluye cuánto se le paga, con qué frecuencia y cuántas horas trabaja | La declaración de impuestos federales del año pasado (y el "Anexo C" si trabaja por su propia cuenta) | Una carta de concesión o copia de un cheque de una fuente de ingresos, por ejemplo: • Un subsidio por desempleo (UIB, siglas en inglés) • Un subsidio por Seguro de Discapacidad (DIB, siglas en inglés) • Beneficios de Veterano • Otros Ingresos No Ganados (Especifique) • Una carta de una persona que le provea alojamiento, servicios públicos y/o comida gratis

PARA COMPROBAR SU DIRECCIÓN EN EL CONDADO DE LOS ANGELES, POR FAVOR PROVEA UNA COPIA DE UNO DE LOS SIGUIENTES ARTÍCULOS: Una Licencia de Conducir Válida de California | Una tarjeta de identificación de California de la Secretaria de Tránsito | Una carta recientemente dirigida a usted con un matasellos de EE.UU. | La factura más reciente de un servicio público | El recibo más reciente de alquiler o una carta de la persona que le provea alojamiento



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